

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, 22-39, 58, 59 and 81-99 were allowed in the January 4, 2007 Notice of Allowance. Claims 2, 3, 16, 24, 37, 58 and 85 were amended and new claims 100-138 were added in the April 4, 2007 Amendment under C.F.R. § 1.312. The amendments presented in the April 4, 2007 Amendment were entered by the September 5, 2007 Response Rule 312 Communication from the Examiner. By the present Preliminary Amendment, claims 1, 8-10, 22, 23, 59, 84, 87-90, 98, 99, 117-119, 137 and 138 have been amended. Therefore, claims 1-18, 22-39, 58, 59 and 81-138 are currently under consideration.

Support for the amendments of claims 1, 8-10, 22, 23, 59, 84, 87-90, 98, 99, 117-119, 137 and 138 to recite "said isolated antibody avoids binding to a non-whole PTH fragment" can be found throughout the present application as originally filed and, *inter alia*, in the original claims 1, 8-10, 22, 23 and 59, and paragraphs [0014] to [0029] of the present specification. Accordingly, the present amendments do not introduce any new matter into the present application.


Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments to the claims and issuance of a patent containing the presently pending claims 1-18, 22-39, 58, 59 and 81-138. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

CONCLUSION

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 532212000623. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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